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Introduction

This bibliography of Pennsylvania autobiographies can assist students, historians, librarians and general readers in their desire to gain a better understanding of the culture and history which are a part of our heritage. But there is a greater reward to be found in the reading of autobiographies. As we read the lives of famous as well as common men, the conviction grows on us that man is surely the most remarkable tenant of this planet. We realize that if he is an animal (a rather whimsical theory) he is the only time-binding and ruminative animal. He is able, therefore, to discern a pattern in his own life as well as in the lives of men who lived generations ago. The seemingly random, trivial vicissitudes of his life, in fact, are leading him straight onward, grooved to iron rails, to his destiny. He stubbornly clings to his conviction that all is not in vain, that all will come right in the end. This realization gives hope, hope stimulates courage, and courage develops in him the strength which he must have if he is to travel, in good cheer, a common road with his fellow man.

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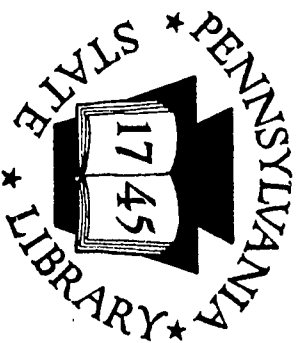
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- Athnm—Athenaeum of Philadelphia, 219 South Sixth Street
- BeaCol—Beaver College Library, Glenside, Pennsylvania
- CBCCH—Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California
- CSmH—Huntington Library, San Marino, California
- CtMW—Wesleyan University, Middleton, Connecticut
- CU—University of California, Berkeley, California
- DLC—Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.
- DrCol—Dropsie College, Broad and York Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.
- DUL—Dillard University Library, New Orleans, Louisiana
- EaBapThs—Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lancaster Avenue and City Line, Philadelphia, Pa.
- ErFrLib—Friends Free Library, 5418 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.
- ErHilLib—Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.
- FrLib—Free Library of Philadelphia, Logan Square, Philadelphia, Pa.
- GirCol—Girard College Library, Girard and Corinthian Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.
- GSL-SLC—Genealogical Society Library, Salt Lake City, Utah
- HaC—Haverford College Library, Haverford, Pennsylvania
- HiSoPa—Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
- IaHi—State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
- InGo—Goshen College Library, Goshen, Indiana
- InU—Indiana University Library, Bloomington, Indiana
- IU—University of Illinois Library, Urbana, Illinois
- LibrCo—Library Company of Philadelphia, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
- LuthnThs—Lutheran Theological Seminary, 7301 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.
- MH—Harvard University Library, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- MIDB—Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Michigan

MiU—University of Michigan Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan	PStU—Pennsylvania State University Library, University Park, Pa.
MiUC—Clements Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan	RefEpSem—Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church, 25 S. 43rd Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
MnMS—St. Olaf College Library, Northfield, Minnesota	Schwldr HL—Schwenkfelder Library, Pennsylvania, Pa.
MoCanD—Historical Society, Disciples of Christ, Canton, Missouri	SwarCol—Swarthmore College Library, Swarthmore, Pa.
MoHi—Missouri State Historical Society, Springfield, Missouri	TNF—Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee
MWA—American Antiquarian Society Library, Worcester, Massachusetts	TU—Temple University, Park Avenue and Berks Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
McD—Duke University Library, Durham, North Carolina	TxDA—Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
NN—New York Public Library, New York City	TxU—University of Texas, Austin, Texas
NNC—Columbia University Library, New York City	UnPa—University of Pennsylvania Library, 3420 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
NNG—General Theological Seminary, New York City	UPLib—University of Pittsburgh Library, Cathedral of Learning, Pittsburgh, Pa.
NRCR-S—Rochester School of Divinity, Rochester, New York	WeThSo—Westminster Theological Seminary, Willow Grove Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.
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PSew—Sewickley Public Library, Sewickley, Pennsylvania	WRHS-C—Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio
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